

SECTION: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~stricken through~~ or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ in the text of the currently amended claims, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a patterned concrete surface ~~with the aid of a concrete surface retarding agent,~~ comprising the steps of providing a membrane, applying a surface retarding agent and a release agent to the membrane in a desired pattern by means of a printing technique or an output technique, pouring concrete material onto the membrane, permitting the concrete to harden, releasing the concrete, and processing the concrete to expose the desired pattern, ~~which~~ whereby the retarding agent and release agent are is transferred directly to the surface ~~coming into direct contact with the concrete to be cast, by means of a printing technique or an output technique, characterized in that also release agent or other substance affecting the surface is transferred to the surface coming into contact with the concrete to be cast, in the same or in a separate transfer stage.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the surface retarding agent and release agent are applied to the membrane by serigraphy, flexography, offset printing, or a digital output technique is used to transfer the surface retarding agent and other possible substances to the aforementioned surface.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that the desired pattern to be created with the concrete surface retarding agent is formed on a~~ wherein the membrane is made from a material selected from the group of materials consisting of cellulose, plastic, or metal based material, and wherein the membrane ~~which is then placed on the bottom of the formwork, with the surface retarding agent and release agent~~ pattern facing the concrete material to be cast.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~one of the above Claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the desired pattern to be created with the concrete surface retarding agent is formed ~~directly on~~ at the bottom of the formwork.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~one of the above Claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that, after hardening ~~easting, processing of~~ the cast concrete piece is accomplished by washed ~~conventionally to wash~~ washing off the concrete, the hardening of which has been retarded to create a ~~pattern~~ the patterned concrete surface .

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~one of the above Claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that plural surface retarding agents are applied, each acting at different depths with respect to the cast concrete to form the patterned concrete surface ~~a certain pattern, and at least one other agent affecting the surface of the concrete, such as a release agent, are transferred to the surface coming into contact with the concrete piece to be cast.~~

7. (New) A method of creating a patterned concrete surface, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a water impermeable membrane having first and second sides,

(b) applying, by a printing process selected from the group of processes consisting of serigraphy, flexography and digital output, to the first side of the membrane, in a predetermined pattern:

- (i) a surface retarding agent, and
 - (ii) a release agent, the release agent not being placed where the surface retarding agent is place,
- (c) placing the membrane in a form, with the first side of the membrane exposed,
- (d) pouring concrete material onto the first side of the membrane,
- (e) permitting the concrete to cure to predetermined level,
- (f) releasing the cured concrete, and
- (g) processing the cured concrete by washing, to expose the desired patterned concrete surface,

whereby the surface retarding agent and release agent forming the predetermined pattern come into contact direct contact with and are transferred directly to the concrete material to aid in forming the patterned concrete surface.